(c) whether they have any proposal to provide education and hostel facilities to such children;

(d) if so, the nature of such proposal?

A.—Sri K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA (Minister for Agriculture and Education).—

(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Existing facilities for Education and hostel are sufficient. These are:—

1. Free Education up to High School.
2. Attendance Scholarships to Girls pupils.
3. Midday Meals.
4. Gift Books.
5. General hostel scheme.
6. Liberal freeship and scholarship scheme at postmatric level including stipends in Craftsmen Training courses.
7. Reservation of seats for socially and educationally backward classes in professional colleges and Polytechnics.
8. Students benefit fund.
9. Scholarships at the school stage for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribe students.

(d) Does not arise in view of replies to Class (c) above.

Enhancement of D.A. of N.G.Os. as Recommended by Pay Commission

572. Sri S. SHARANA GOWDA (Jewargi).—

Will the Minister for Finance, Planning, Commerce and Industries be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the recent announcement made by the Finance Minister regarding grant of enhanced D.A. is according to the recommendation made by the Pay Commission;

(b) if not in how many respect the Government have departed from the recommendation of the Commission;

(c) the number of officials that are going to be benefited by the announcement;

(d) the total number of non-gazetted officials in the State?

A.—Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE (Minister for Finance, Planning, Commerce and Industries).—

(a) Yes, in regard to scales.

(SRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE)

(*b*) The recommendations of the Pay Commission are placed on the table of the House.

(*c*) Besides about 2 lakhs of Government servants, the benefit will accrue also to employees borne on work-charged establishment, employees paid from contingencies, staff of the local bodies, employees working in Industrial concerns, aided institutions, etc. The total number thus benefited will be about 3 lakhs.

(*d*) About 2 lakhs excluding other categories referred to above.

Pension to freedom Fighters

206. Sri B. M. SANIKOP (Kittur).—

Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the number of freedom fighters eligible for pension under Freedom Fighters Pension scheme in Belgaum District;

(*b*) when the pension would be granted to them ?

(*c*) the class of freedom fighters who would be given pension ;

(*d*) the rate of pension given to them ?

A.—Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA (Cheief Minister).—

(*a*) 831 applications have been received from Freedom Fighters of Belgaum District. These are yet under scrutiny.

(*b*) After the applications of all the Districts are scrutinised.

(*c*) For Freedom Fighters who have completed 55 years of age, or who are physically incapacitated to earn thier livelihood or the widows or widowers or minor children of Freedom Fighters who have died, provided the annual income of such person does not exceed Rs. 2,400.

(*d*) Ordinarily not exceedings Rs. 50 per month.

Member's Representation

Sri B. B. SAYANAK (Belgaum).—I call the attention of the Minister for Home and Municipal Administration to...

Sri K. H. PATIL (Hubli).—What happened to the Privilege Motion?

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—Sri Sayanak is in the middle of a sentence.